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Serial No. 09/904,117)
Filed: July 12, 2001) Our File No. 3440-P02436US2
For: "Methods of Ligating)
Expressed Proteins")

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Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a):

The undersigned hereby petitions for an extension of time of 1 month beyond the time period set in the last Office Action. A check in the amount of \$110.00 to cover this fee is enclosed. Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1406.

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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

In response to the Official Action dated August 11, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

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